

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-53. (Cancelled).

54.(Previously Presented) Assembly for use in the attachment of a patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum to her/his spine, comprising a first tube having a length adapted to the distance from the outer wall of the patient's abdomen to the sacrum, which first tube is provided with a distal end to be brought into engagement with the sacrum and comprising an opposite proximal end and having a first passage from the distal to the proximal end thereof, a second tube or rod having a length that at least equals the length of the first tube, which second tube or rod is provided with a distal end and comprises an opposite proximal end, at least one attachment means provided with a distal end for attachment to the sacrum and a proximal end for attachment of an end of connection means for connection to the patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum, such as one or more threads, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod and the proximal end of the attachment means are formed for functional mutual engagement, wherein the second tube or rod can be movably accommodated in the first tube.

55. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod can be rotatably accommodated in the first tube.

56. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 55, wherein the attachment means is a bone screw.

57. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 55, wherein the proximal end of the second tube or rod is provided with means for rotation of the second tube or rod.

58. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 57, wherein the rotation means comprise an arm that is transverse to the second tube or rod.

59. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod is formed for fittingly, holding the proximal end of the attachment means.

60. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 59, wherein the second tube or rod has an internal cavity, which is at least formed at the distal end.

61. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod extends into the first tube and at least a part of the connection means is attached to the attachment means and situated within the first tube.

62. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 61, wherein the said part of the connection means is situated between the first and the second tube or rod.

63. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 62, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod is narrowed for together with the first tube forming an accommodation space for said part of the connection means.

64. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 62, wherein the second tube or rod has an internal cavity, which is at least formed at the distal end, and wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod forms an accommodation space for the proximal end of the attachment means and is provided with a passage to the side, wherein an end portion of the said part of the connection means, such as a thread, extends through the passage.

65. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein at least a part of the connection means is attached to the attachment means and is situated around the distal end of the second tube or rod.

66. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 61, wherein the said part of the connection means comprises a mat of material enabling bodily tissue ingrowth.

67. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 65, wherein the mat is wrapped or shirred up around the second tube or rod.

68. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the attachment means has a diameter that at least almost corresponds to the diameter of the first passage.

69. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod at the proximal end is

provided with gauge means related to the sliding of the second tube or rod in the first tube corresponding to the attachment length of the distal end of the attachment means.

70. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the distal end of the first tube is provided with a serrated edge.

71. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the first tube is provided with a handle near the proximal end.

72. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the connection means comprise one or more threads that are attached to the attachment means and/or comprise a mat of material enabling bodily tissue ingrowth, which mat preferably can be attached to threads.

73. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, further comprising a laparoscope.

74. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, sterilely accommodated in a hermetically closed packaging.

75. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 74, further comprising a viewing screen that is functionally connected to the laparoscope.

76.-90. (Cancelled).

91. (Previously Presented) Assembly for use in the attachment of a patient's vaginal apex, uterus or rectum to her/his spine, comprising a first tube having a length adapted to

the distance of the outer wall of the patient's abdomen to the sacrum, which first tube is provided with a distal end to be brought into engagement with the sacrum and comprising an opposite proximal end and having a first passage from the distal to the proximal end thereof, a second tube or rod having a length that is at least equal to the length of the first tube, preferably larger, which second tube or rod is provided with a distal end and comprises an opposite proximal end, at least one attachment means that is provided with means for attachment to the sacrum and means for attachment of connection means, such as one or more threads and/or a connection mat, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod and the attachment means are formed for functional mutual engagement, wherein the first passage is suitable for accommodation of the connection means.

92. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 91, wherein the first passage and the second tube or rod are adapted to each other for fitting accommodation of the second tube or rod.

93. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 91, wherein the connection means are disposed between the first and the second tube or rod.

94. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 91, wherein the second tube or rod forms a cavity for accommodation of the connection means.

95. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 94, wherein the connection means comprise a mat of material and/or threads enabling bodily tissue ingrowth.

96. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 91, wherein the second tube or rod forms a continuous cavity, from the proximal end to the distal end.

97. (Previously Presented) Assembly for use in surgery on a human body, comprising a first tube, provided with a distal end to be brought into engagement with a bone and comprising an opposite proximal end and having a first passage from the distal to the proximal end thereof, a second tube or rod having a length that is at least equal to the length of the first tube, preferably larger, which second tube or rod is provided with a distal end and comprises an opposite proximal end, at least one attachment means provided with means for attachment to the bone and means for attachment of connection means, such as one or more threads and/or a connection mat, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod and the attachment means are formed for functional mutual engagement, wherein the first passage is suitable for accommodation of the connection means.

98. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 97, wherein the second tube forms a cavity extending from the distal end.

99. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 97, wherein the attachment means is connected to a connection mat.

100. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 99, wherein the connection mat is directly attached to the attachment means.

101. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 99, wherein the connection mat is accommodated within the first tube.

102. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 101, wherein the connection mat is accommodated between the first tube and the second tube or rod.

103. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 98, wherein one or more threads that are connected to the attachment means extend through the cavity out of the proximal end of the second tube or rod.

104. (Cancelled).

105. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube can be snugly and movably accommodated in the first tube.

106. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 58, wherein the arm projects to both sides of the second tube.

107. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 54, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod is formed for fittingly, rotation-fixed holding the proximal end of the attachment means.

108. (Cancelled).

109. (Cancelled).

110. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 98, wherein the second tube forms a cavity extending from the distal end to the proximal end.

111. (Previously Presented) Assembly according to claim 100, wherein the connection mat is directly attached to the attachment means by means of a fixation ring or by hooking onto it.

112. (Cancelled).

113. (Cancelled).